

APPLY THE SKILLS

from Moby-Dick

1. **Compare and Contrast:** What does Moby-Dick's reaction to the ship reveal about the real whale versus the whale in Ahab's imagination?

2. **Literary Analysis:** Use this chart to identify the meaning of some of the **symbols** in this excerpt from *Moby-Dick*.

Symbol	Meaning
the color white	
the crew of the <i>Pequod</i>	
Moby-Dick	
the voyage of the <i>Pequod</i>	

3. **Reading Strategy:** What events, dialogue, or descriptions lead you to **recognize** Moby-Dick as a **symbol** of nature's power?

4. **Reading Strategy:** This novel has been called a symbolic "voyage of the soul." Would you agree or disagree with that assessment? Explain.
